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AFTER DINNER

Here is another gem from the repertoire of Sir Leslie Herron.

Giving advice to after dinner speakers, Sir Leslie said:- "If you don't strike oil in five minutes, stop boring!"

STRIKE A LIGHT

Rugby Union international and Eastern Suburbs stalwart Peter Crittle recently purchased a "smoker's companion" at the Hallstrom auction.

Real pally!

It is made of a tiger skull with silver insets in its eyes and mouth to hold cigarettes and tobacco.

JULES VERNE II

Herein you will read the first instalment of a splendid narrative of their round the world trip by Committeeman Arthur McCamley and his wife Edna. The concluding article will appear in the next issue.

Arthur has a discerning eye and the happy knack of recording in an observant way the scenes and history of his travels.

We invite Tattersall's Club members to also contribute stories of their trips, voyages and experiences. They are certainly enjoyed by fellow members.

HARRY PLANT RETIRES

"Everybody please keep quiet." That was the call that ran around the Townsville Showground. "Here is Brown Lock, ridden by Harry Plant, and he is about to tackle the world high jump record."

The spruikers, the side shows, the merry-go-round, the ringsiders - all were silent.

The crowd watched with bated breath as the brown horse, confidently and inspiringly ridden by Harry went through the preliminary paces, turned round to face the jump, and then up and over. Harry Plant had broken the Tattersall's Club Magazine.

world record with the gallant Brown Lock.

Recounting the great day Harry said that in the show event he came first with a jump of 7ft 8in. The world record stood at 7ft 10in.

The Show committee decided to "have a crack" at the world record, and raised the bar to 8ft. Harry said they could not make it any higher as the posts were not tall enough.

A Tattersall's Club member since 1949, Harry Plant is now 78, and following a recent accident from which he has not completely recovered he has



Harry Plant

announced his retirement from training.

He began his career in the far north of Queensland where he was a top jockey and then a trainer before moving to Sydney in the 1940s.

Harry was particularly successful at training sprinters and young two year olds. He won the Doomben Ten Thousand three times with Bernborough, Coniston and Highlea. His photo alongside Bernborough now adorns the walls of the new members' stand at Doomben.

Harry also won the Golden Slipper Stakes with Fine and Dandy and Magic Night. Those fine milers and brothers Fine and Dandy and Time and Tide won, through their ability and Harry's skill, a total of 35 races and \$184,315 in stakes.

However history will probably attribute Harry Plant's greatest success to his association with Bernborough which he took over training in 1945. Thereby commenced a friendship with owner Rom Romano which is just as deep and sincere today.

After a first-up defeat at Canterbury, Bernborough won 15 successive races before failing in the 1946 Caulfield Cup under 10-10.

Harry also produced several top apprentice jockeys including Neville Voigt and Sammy Howard.

Harry's retirement will allow more time for relaxation in the Club, and we feel sure that Rom Romano in particular, Bill Kirwan, Jack Loughnan, Leo O'Sullivan and a host of members and friends will surely appreciate the great trainer's decision.

Our congratulations to Harry Plant, one of racing's greatest identities ever.

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ON THE BLACKS

Tattersall's Club keeps up its amazing winning record over the years in the Combined Clubs' snooker competition.

At time of writing seven games have been played in the 1972 series, and Tattersall's Club has been successful on each occasion.

Its closest opponent is Sydney Club which has suffered only one defeat by Tattersall's.

With two games to go to complete this season, we wish our representatives success and a profusion of blacks.

FOUR ACES

Ralph Davies has again holed in one - the dream of every golfer. He accomplished the feat in the Southpaw Cup at Oatlands recently.

Ralph had previously scored aces twice at Cammeray and another at Avondale.

Steph Lowe is in charge of gathering on the first floor of Tattersall's Club all Ralph's friends who missed out at the 19th.

Our congratulations, Ralph.

THE TRUMPET SOUNDS

Great sportsman Nowell Jones does not lead in many winners, but few enjoy more than he the love of the thoroughbred.

If Nowell has achieved any particular distinction it is his selection of names for his horses, and his penchant for running last.

These achievements include True Title (last in the Caulfield Cup), Battle Hymn (last in the Derby), Lincoln's Inn (Test Case - Hush Money - aptly named, last in the Melbourne Cup), Salvation Sal (last in a Queensland Maiden). Revolt (last in a Hawkesbury Maiden), Sweet Revenge (last in most races), Friday's Child (last in N.Z.)

Now there will be Christian Soldier who arrives in Australia shortly, and the magnificently bred Judgement Day, both from New Zealand.

Nowell has solemnly promised that he will make but one more bid to win the Melbourne Cup.

He has already selected his representative, a New Zealand horse by Alcimedes (sire of Gallilee) from Cuddlesome (dam of Light Fingers). "The horse has a heart score of 133 but by his looks nobody has ever fed him." says Nowell.

In his emphasis that Melbourne Cup day in 1973, if he fails in his endeavour, will be his last tilt at the grand trophy and racing in general, Nowell has chosen an appropriate name for his horse - Judgement Day!

OH TO BE!

The 21st birthday of Douglas Sharp was organised by E. J. Meehan because Doug's parents were away in the UK.

And just to keep with the "Oh to be 21 again" there were 21 persons including Doug's closest relatives gathered around Tattersall's festive board.

HIGH LEGAL STANDARD

We congratulate Mr. Justice Dennis Leslie Mahoney, QC, on his appointment as a judge of the Supreme Court.

The president of the N.S.W. Bar Association, Mr. Gordon Samuels, OC. said that Mr. Justice Mahoney had a grasp of legal principle allied with "a sophisticated technique in the use of legal tools for the solution of tactical commercial problems, often of great complexity."

Mr. Justice Mahoney replied: "As one who has had some experience in commercial matters here and elsewhere in the world, I am inclined to think that the laws as they regulate commercial life in this city and the administration of them by the Supreme Court and by the profession, are of a standard which is comparable with other great commercial centres of the world, and it is proper that, on occasions, this should be said."

Mr. Justice Mahoney was admitted to the Bar in 1948 and became a OC in 1961.

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AROUND THE WORLD IN 60 DAYS

By Arthur McCamley

It took Jules Verne 80 days and he had primitive transport compared to that which Edna and I used. Jules did not waste one moment of time, being constantly on the move, keeping to his strict schedule in his endeavour to complete his journey in the required time. He had many setbacks and heartaches before he accomplished his record, also many adventures, and at the finish of his trip he must have been completely exhausted.

Our trip was most enjoyable. On leaving Sydney in a 707 V-jet we had a smooth flight to Singapore where we had three days in a city which is renowned for its cleanliness. These days were spent shopping and sightseeing.

Then we flew to Rome via Bangkok and Bahrein. We were not allowed to leave the plane at these places owing to political demonstrations and were rather tired by the time we arrived in Rome. There we had seven wonderful days. We did not have to leave the city as there was so much to see - St. Peter's Basilica, the Sistine Chapel painted by Michaelangelo, the ancient Roman ruins, the modern shops, small cosy restaurants, the night life and so on.

On our Sunday in Rome we were taken to St. Peters for Mass by our good Australian friend Brother Bill Mullins.

After Mass we joined the vast crowd of people in St. Peter's Square and waited for His Holiness Pope Paul to appear on his balcony. I would say there was anything up to 20,000 people of all nationalities and creeds. We saw Turks, Americans, Greeks, Salvation Army people, athletic groups, sisters of religious orders from all over the world, people from protestant religions - all there to pay homage to the Pope.

We saw many other wonderful sights such as the "Three Coins in the Fountain", the Colosseum, the Appian Way and the Catacombs.

Then on to London. This was a comparatively brief trip of a couple of hours, but in that short journey we were to see some of the most beautiful sights flying over Northern Italy, across the Alps into French territory. The Alpine scenery from the jet was mag-



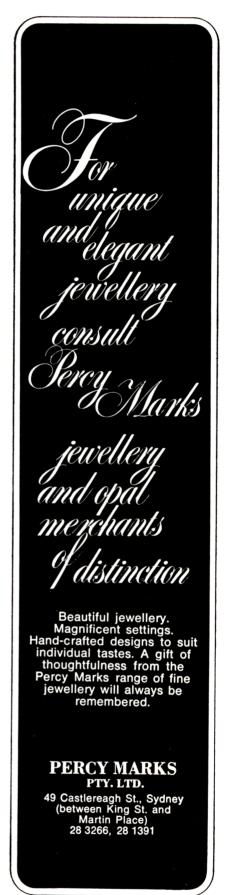
EDNA AND ARTHUR Sartorial perfection on English Derby day.

nificent - hundreds of square miles of gigantic snow-covered mountains. It was a sight we shall never forget.

And so to London and England this blessed island. London itself is fairly untidy and could do with a good clean up. However this is more than made up for in this wonderful city where every day you can see something different. The changing of the guards, Westminster Abbey, Westminster Cathedral, St. Paul's Cathedral, Lords Cricket Ground, Trafalgar Square, Soho, the east and west ends of the city, the British Museum, Picadilly Circus, Threadneedle Street, Marble Arch, The Mall, Buckingham Palace and the lesser palaces, No. 10 Downing Street, the Houses of Parliament, London Bridge and the Tower Bridge, Windsor Castle, the River Thames, White City Greyhound track and the race courses at Epsom and Newmarket.

We went to Epsom to see Roberto defeat Rhinegold in a photo finish for the English Derby. Lester Piggott replaced our W. Williamson on Roberto because the owner considered Williamson was not fully fit after being involved in a fall the previous week.

To be concluded next month.





TATTERSALL'S CLUB

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the Members will be held in the Club Room on Wednesday, 25th October, 1972 at 8 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of electing a Member to fill the casual vacancy on the Committee caused by the resignation of Mr. H. C. Nicholas.

By Order of the Committee
J. R. THOMSON
Secretary

1st September, 1972.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a Special General Meeting of the Members will be held in the Club Room on Wednesday, 25th October, 1972, (immediately after the Special Meeting of the Members called for the purpose of electing a Member to fill the casual vacancy on the Committee caused by the resignation of Mr. H. C. Nicholas), for the purpose of considering and if thought fit, passing with or without modification the following resolutions amending the Rules of the Club:—

- 1. That Rule 3 of the Rules of the Club be amended as follows:—
 - (a) By deleting therefrom the word "and"
 - (b) By deleting therefrom the word "Members" where lastly appearing and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "Members, and (g) Senior Members".

Proposed Rule: The Club shall consist of the following classes of Members:-

- (a) Absentee Members, (b) Bookmaking Members, (c) Ordinary Members, (d) Honorary Members, (e) Honorary Life Members, (f) Visiting Members and (g) Senior Members.
- 2. That the following new Rules be inserted in the Rules of the Club:—
 - (a) Next after Rule 9, the following new Rule:-
 - "9A. Senior Members are persons who have been members of the Club for a continuous period of not less than 40 years."
 - (b) Next after Rule 15, the following new Rule:—
 - "15A The Annual Subscription for a Senior Member shall be one half of that for an Ordinary Member."
 - (c) Next after Rule 37, the following new Rule:-
 - "37A The phrases 'any other sporting club in the City of Sydney (now or hereafter to be established) similar to this Club' and 'any such other club' in the preceding Rule shall not refer to and include City Tattersall's Club, Sydney."

By Order of the Committee
J. R. THOMSON
Secretary

1st September, 1972.

TATTERSALL'S RANDWICK SPRING MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



JAMES BARNES PLATE. Gold Skin defeating Pitchman, with Coalition third, in the feature race of Tattersall's Club meeting at Randwick last month.



TROPHY PRESENTATION. L to R — Mr. G. Meek, secretary Jim Thomson, jockey Neil Campton, chairman Geoff Eastment, Mrs. J. Crook and donor of the James Barnes trophy, Mr. Peter Barnes.



CHELMSFORD STAKES. Turbino holds off fast finishing Richochet, with Gunsynd third.



Special guests be the Committee of Luncheon during Spring Race me









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A big field of Tattersall's Golf Club members played under ideal golfing conditions on the challenging championship Australian Club layout.

Frank ("Oh my finger") Fisher tore the bandage off his finger as he played the 18th in a vain effort to defeat runners-up Geoff and Barry Eastment (44 points). Frank's performance without a golf club puts him in the running for an academy award nomination.

An ideal combination of Don Dunne 11/10 and partner Joe Carrucan won the four-ball with 45 points.

Excellent golf by John Higson off 6/5, netted him 38 points and the best member's singles score. Close on his heels a shot away was smiling John Barras playing off 2 with 37 points - a good golfer and a member we are proud to have in our section.

Tom Crow, with a precious handicap of one, really hit the ball with great precision-36 points was his result.

Dr. Dick Holliday is such a consistent and welcome visitor at our golf days that he nearly received the runner up prize in the members' section. However Dick was the winner of the visitor's singles event (38 points).

Blushing golfer Bruce Cox 8/7 and yours truly played against our treas-

ure hunting treasurer Vic Vadas and Ross Simpson 5/4, one of the most pleasant chaps you would meet on or off a golf course. He hit a really good ball, and the duel between Bruce and Ross was alive to the last putt. Great fun for all, and we needed those 43 points too.

Keith Moremon partnered Bill Tinkler, one of the best story tellers and after dinner speakers you'll ever hear, and had a ton of fun playing against jester Victor Green and quiet man Trevor Barrell.

Saw popular Arthur O'Connor diving in and out of bumpers along with George McGilvray. Their score didn't stop them enjoying their game against Dave Walker and Jack Hansor.

Power packed partners Dick Scott playing off 3 and John Barras off 2 had a good match with Rod Fisher 13 and Frank Crott 14.

Happy people Ted and John Peoples played against Trevor Holman and that pleasant personality Walter Levy. Jim Coulson and regular visitor Col Inglis didn't appear on the winning list but there will be other days.

At random I noticed - John Grattan forgetting the stock exchange and enjoying his golf as usual; golf pro Dan Cullen still playing the sort of golf expected of him; Peter Dind happy as a big puppy enjoying all the good things that go with a game of golf and....; Vic Zappia and Michael Antico quaffing a jug at the 18th; Smiling Alan Pope wearing his rotary badge with pride; John Brown told us he selects a club with the same luck as he picks winners at Randwick.

To sum up - a great day and to think it is "on again" at Pymble on Tuesday, 31st October.

Also don't forget the mixed weekend at Moss Vale 21st – 22nd October, and of course the all important Ladies' Night on Tuesday, 14th November.

DINING ROOM HOURS MONDAY TO FRIDAY

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SWIMMING NOTES

by Sam Block

By the time this edition reaches the press the Swimming Club's annual dinner dance and presentation of prizes will have taken place, and the first event of the 1972/73 season will have been swum and won.

Racing commenced for Bill Kirwan's Native Son trophy on Tuesday, 10th October, with a handicap event over 40 yards. These competitive events will continue for the next nine months, so Tattersall's members will be in for a feast of swimming.

For the benefit of intending new members, races are held every Tuesday (heats) and Thursday (finals), commencing at 1.15 p.m. with events over 40 yards including relays.

It is only necessary to contact any of the Swimming Club committee, do a time trial and join in the fun.

The pool is just the place for relaxation and sport, especially during the summer months, and it is confidently expected that the coming season will provide a new record in race attendances.

Looking around the pool we've noticed some of the lads doing some solid training. It is always a good idea to be in the pink of condition early in the season, before the crack swimmers reach their top form.

Our overseas traveller jovial Danny O'Connor is back with us again, also greetings from Charles Griffiths who is enjoying an extended holiday.

Keith Cross left for a couple of months tour of Canada. Let us hope we see more of his smiling face together with his pal David Emanuel on his return. Card from Eric Thomson from Munich (a photo of the Olympic pool).

All our skiing enthusiasts are wearing that snow tanned look which becomes our swimmers.

Congratulations to Syd Kay on becoming a grandfather again, this time a boy Rodney John.

Honour to Charles Robinson on having life membership bestowed on him for services rendered to St. Michael's Golf Club.

Swimming Club members who distinguished themselves in the Sun to Surf race were Ian Lane (278), John Nickless (600), Nick Heath (803) and Terry Wolfe (1000). But our piece de resistance was our new young masseur Phil Arentz who finished in 66th place. Maybe Phil will take the boys in hand for next year's event.

OBITUARIES

E.S. NEWNHAM	E:	30.8.66	D:	9.9.72
V.J. BARNETT	E:	27.2.67	D:	4.9.72
A.F. KIPPAX	E.	26.9.38	D:	5.9.72
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BOWLING NOTES

By Fred Empson

The Ashfield Trophy

Once again we are up with the leaders in this trophy. In this event the invited teams play against Ashfield, and the four teams that win by the biggest margin play against each other in semi-finals and finals. Each of our three teams won their games with an overall margin of 29 shots. The teams were: Fuzz Porter, Peter McGrath and Jim Weymark 28-24; Bunny Saw, John McKell and Jack Kellaway 30-17; Bill Chamberlain, Ken Williams and Nick Solomon 28-16.

The Newcastle Trip

This year we had 12 members for the bowls and race carnival. Unfortunately the weather was not kind and made the bowls unpleasant. Mick Greenberg was in the winning team again this year, repeating last year's performance.

Good Reports

Pleased to advise that we have heard good reports on Jim Whyte. Jim had an exploratory operation recently and reports are that it was very successful. All Tattersall's bowlers wish you a quick recovery, Jim, and a speedy return to the bowling green.

Dinner Dance

The annual ball this year will be replaced by a dinner dance on 27th November for members and their ladies. See Mark Barnett for reservations. Mark promises that this will be something out of the box with a full band and entertainment by good artists. Costs are down to a minimum as it will be supplemented by the Bowling Club's funds.

Laurie Taylor Trophy

Our annual game against City Tattersall's Club is scheduled for 26th October, and we will be hosts to that club at Kensington. We will be playing for the Laurie Taylor trophy which we have not yet won, so a concentrated effort is required this day.

Results: Moore Park, 23rd August: Fuzz Porter, S. Chatterton and Darrell Gibson (new member); Warringah, 31st August: W. Wallis, R. Darch and N. Solomon; City, 7th September: Charity Day; Double Bay, 14th August: F. Empson, J. McKell and Ted Davis. Rose Bay, 21st August: A. Walker, L. Malouf and J. Brian (visitor).



"I must be off my flipping head to patrol here" was a muttering remark overheard from a fallen ski patroller at Thredbo during the school holidays.

When the snow was finally dusted out of his beard, the familiar face of Bill Rowe took shape.

He tells us that he has a recurring Thredbo nightmare wherein he is bringing down a banana boat at about 30 m.p.h., can't stop, falls over, and the boat ignominiously runs over him and there he remains until the Spring thaw.

Conditions at Thredbo were testing, especially for a member of the Perisher ski patrol who was out of his natural habitat. The warm days caused a surface melt from about 10.30 a.m. to 3 p.m. When the sun got low in the sky the surface froze to ice and remained that way until mid-morning next day. Once your edges let go on a steep slope you just chattered down sideways till you got on edge again or fell over.

Charles Coppa can tell you all about it as he was sporting a greenish-black bruise over the whole of his right thigh. He maintains that a friendly ski patroller stabbed him with a stock.

Another Tattersall's skier, Kevin Martin, was quoted as saying, "What can you expect if you still ski with a pre-war style." - What war?

On the second last day Bill returned to the slopes after delivering a broken leg to the casualty room only to find that his eight year old son David was being brought down in the banana boat with a broken right tibia. He is now sporting a heavily signatured plaster from toes to thigh. It was a freak accident, because as David fell he came out of his bindings but then hit a tree stump.

Bill said that all the other breaks he saw during the week were a result of badly adjusted bindings. Apparently many skiers haven't a clue how bindings work, or how to adjust them. They should never be so tight that you cannot wrench your foot out by unaided muscle power.

In the next issue of TCM we hope to have good news for Ski Club members. Negotiations are in progress to combine our club with a very prominent ski club with lodges in other ski areas in New South Wales. Tattersall's Club Ski Club will be able to retain its identity within this ski club.

By the time this magazine is being read skiing will be over with TCSC

having celebrated in a fitting manner at the "Sundeck" in Perisher Valley on the October long weekend.

To wind up the season the Ski Club has arranged for a wine tasting to be held on 20th October. Members have already been notified about this evening, and a good attendance is anticipated. This is a must on your social calendar.

Members are also advised that the annual general meeting of the Ski Club will be held in the Sportsman's Room at 5.45 p.m. on Tuesday, 31st October next, and are urged to attend.

- HANDBALL NOTES -

By Arthur McCamley

PETER ASHBY WINS WINOOKA TROPHY.

The final for the Winooka Trophy competition was fought out between Peter Ashby (+18) and John McGuire (+24). The score of 41-25 in favour of Peter indicates that he had a comfortable victory.

The Winooka Trophy is a handicap event played for annually, and is donated by Ted Forrest and Steven Blau, who are the executors of the estate of the late Joe Matthews.

Joe Matthews was a committeeman of Tattersall's Club, a very dashing bookmaker and part owner of Winooka, a great racehorse of that era. Bill McDonald, also a bookmaking member of the Club, was part owner with Joe, when in 1933 as a four year old, Winooka won the AJC Doncaster handicap ridden by the late Jimmie Pike.

After his great wins in Australia Joe and Bill took Winooka to the United States. The venture was planned by the late Rufe Naylor, and the jockey was our well known Club member Edgar Britt while the trainer was the late Mick Polson. Winooka won races in the USA but never quite reached the peak of the form he had displayed in Australia.



TATTERSALL'S SKIERS AT FALLS CREEK: L-R. Ken Finn, John McKillop, Dick Setright, Peter Brewster, Tim Evans, John Reid, a visitor, Robert Tobias, Margaret and Michael Fox, and in front Russell Debney.



BILLIARDS and **SNOOKER NOTES**

By Arthur Miller

In the snooker handicap Norm Jacobs and Ralph Davies played off for third place, and this was a most exciting finish. Both players potted extremely well. When the games had progressed to the stage when only the blue, pink and black balls were on the table, each player needed two balls to win. Ralph potted the blue, Norm the pink and after some good safety play (and strange as it may seem each player had six separate shots), Norm finally potted the black to win a very fascinating and enjoyable game.

Congratulations to all place-getters in the snooker tourney.

The billiards handicap is now nearing conclusion with only the semis and finals to be played. As in the snooker there have been some outstanding cas-Jack Chown was beaten by that consistent giant killer Steph Lowe who keeps bobbing up with fine wins.

George Mousally, a prolific winner of many tournament events, has also had his colours lowered. looked a cert to win again but was downed by Eugene Piekarski, who in the heat displayed great improvement in his billiards game, making some very handy breaks around the thirties. He is a great trier, and plays sensibly, understanding that knowledge of billiards is a tremendous help in any type of snooker. Our young snooker players should endeavour to follow suit. I would love to see billiards come back in our Club, but unfortunately many players seem to consider it difficult to learn the fundamentals.

Steph Lowe went on to win the billiards handicap. A great trier for a long time, Steph has also been very helpful in marking a large number of

Some of the snooker championship heats were close. When John Peoples played Barry Doyle the old adage "a game is never lost until it is won" was surely proven. In the first frame John was away out in front, but Barry, playing brilliantly, got up in time to win on the black ball.

The second frame was a mediocre affair with John winning on the black ball this time.

With only two reds on the table in the third frame, Barry jumped to a lead of 40 points when John, who is a most tenacious player, pegged the score back to tie on the green ball with a snooker which Barry missed. The way was then open for John to win on the last four balls, all of which he duly potted and once again it was a black ball game. As I have so often said, snooker is a dicey game at any time.

One of the highlights of the snooker championship was the heat played by George Mousally and Warren Foster. This was expected to provide a terrific struggle but instead it proved to be a devastating win for George in two straight games. He played perfect snooker and at no stage of the game could Warren, who was not at his best, breach the gap and he consistently missed easy pots.

Why George, on a handicap of 10, cannot win a snooker handicap event is a complete mystery to me. Perhaps he is a bit careless when giving away long starts.

In the billiards championship there were no spectacular incidents in the heat played between Jack Chown, winner of the just finished snooker handicap event and that versatile vet-Both players in eran John O'Neill. their past have been capable of making a hundred break, but Old Father Time has taken some toll of the old timers. The pair had a rare tussle with Jack running out the winner by a small margin.

It is not often you see two old stagers fighting it out in the semi-finals. Two great supporters through the years Roy Bryden and Jack Chown fought out a match which had few spectacular moments, but Jack finished strongly to win 250 - 237.

Later George Mousally defeated Jack in the finals.

Recently I had the pleasure of watching a session of the professional snooker match for the Championship of the World between Eddie Charlton and J. Higgins. And what a wonderful exhibition it was. I was amazed by the fluency and accuracy of Higgin's His positional and screw shots were superb. A daring young player, only 22 years old, Higgins made his shots with lightning rapidity. Charlton was somewhat off his usual

game, but we all know what a great player his record shows him to be. Eddie won five frames out of six to take the match.

An exhibition match between world champion Eddie Charlton and John Pullman was played in our Club. With an expectancy of good things to come, the large audience viewing this match was certainly not disappointed. Both: players produced some marvellously executed shots which brought much acclaim from the crowd. What a cool and steady champion is Eddie Charlton who won the first two frames. John fought back making breaks of 52, 56 and 70 to even the score to two frames each. Eddie, with the same concentrated effort as when he defeated J. Higgins, made a brilliant 72 to defeat John Pullman.

RESULTS SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIP

First Round

W.S. Foster def. P.J. Darby, 64-7, 65-28. G.J. Mousally def. J.H. Farrar, 78-51, 66-28. G.R. Bryden def. E. Piekarski, 46-44, 39-52, 45-38.

A.S. Foster def. R.D. Lavigne, 69-57, 55-20. S.J. Lane def. L. Bluett, 59-30, 51-40. B.M. Lane def. H.J. Mater, 55-48, 69-58, 67-38

B. Gerakiteys def. L.C. Williams, 57-45. 54-25, 60-29. J.H. Peoples def. B.J. Doyle, 46-57, 49-29,

59-53

Second Round

G.J. Mousally def. W.S. Foster, 62-35, 52-15. G.R. Bryden def. A.S. Foster, 58-36, 21-64, 60-27

S.J. Lane def. B.M. Lane, 46-30, 39-55.

J.H. Peoples def. B. Gerakiteys, 66-29, 48-47.

BILLIARDS CHAMPIONSHIP

First Round

G.J. Mousally def. E. Piekarski, 250-145. B. Gerakiteys def. A.S. Foster, 250-192. A.J. Chown def. J.P. O'Neill, 250-238. G.R. Bryden def. R.W. Davies, 250-165.

Semi-Finals

G.J. Mousally def. B. Gerakiteys, 250-136. A.J. Chown def. G.R. Bryden, 250-237.

G.J. Mousally def. A.J. Chown, 350-198. BILLIARDS HANDICAP TOURNAMENT

Semi-Finals

S. Lowe Rec. 115, def. A.S. Foster Rec. 40, 250-247

E. Piekarski Rec. 80, def. G.J. Mousally Owes 50, 250-137.

Play-off for Third and Fourth Places. A.S. Foster Rec. 40, def. G.J. Mousally Owes 50, 250-177.

S. Lowe Rec. 115, def. E. Piekarski Rec. 80, 250-205.

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